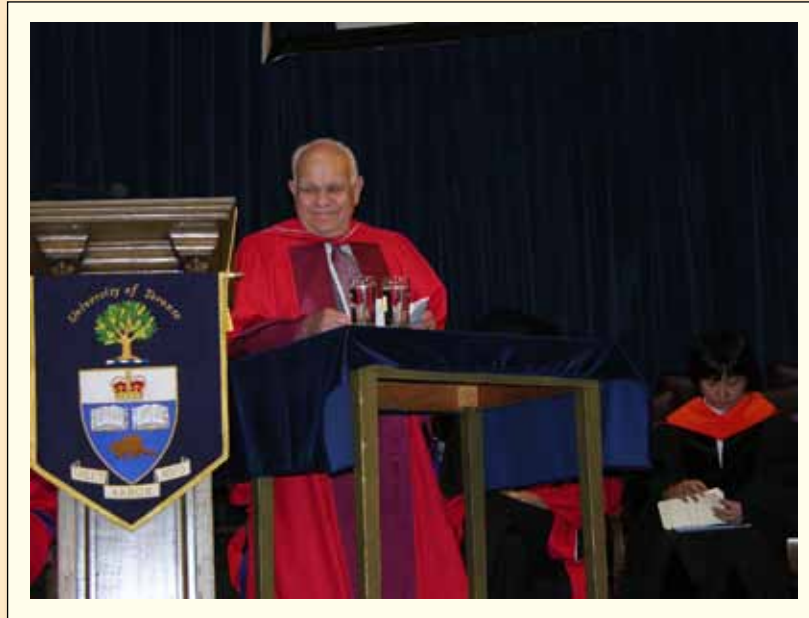


Dr. Evert Hoek Honoured for his Innumerable Contributions to Geotechnical Engineering



June 17, 2004 - Dr. Evert Hoek was honoured for contributing more than 40 years of expertise to geotechnical engineering when he was awarded an honorary doctorate in engineering at the University of Toronto today. The degree was conferred on him by Dr. Vivienne Poy, Chancellor of the University, in a ceremony celebrating Dr. Hoek's body of work. Over the course of his remarkable career, Dr. Hoek has transformed the science of rock mechanics and rock engineering, enriching the teaching, research and practice of this field and transforming it into a well-recognized scientific and engineering discipline. Amongst his many accomplishments, Dr. Hoek is noted for authoring two texts that have become the standard for engineers faced with practical design problems in rock slopes and underground excavations: *Rock Slope Engineering* and *Underground Excavations in Rock*.

Born in Zimbabwe, Dr. Hoek earned a BSc in mechanical engineering at the University of Cape Town in 1955, followed by a master's in mechanical engineering in 1958 and a PhD in rock mechanics in 1965. He completed a DSc in rock mechanics at the University of London in 1975, and was Professor of Rock Mechanics at University of London's Imperial College of Science and Technology from 1970 to 1975. In the private sector, Hoek held a variety of key positions at Golder Associates, a firm specializing in ground engineering and environmental science. From 1987 to 1993, he was the Natural Sciences and Engineering Research Council of Canada Industrial Professor of Rock Engineering at U of T's Department of Civil Engineering. Dr. Hoek is a fellow of both the U.K.'s Royal Academy of Engineering and the Canadian Academy of Engineering, and he currently works as an independent consultant on projects around the world.